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December 2017

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Clean Energy in Your Community:

Fresh Produce

Farm Fresh Produce is taking their sustainability commitment to the next level by going solar. The family owned company has partnered with Cape Fear Solar Systems, who will be installing 260 solar panels at the Farm Fresh packaging facility in Clinton, NC in early 2018.



Of their choice to go with Cape Fear Solar Systems, Farm Fresh Produce's founder Steve Ceccarelli says, "We chose Cape Fear Solar Systems because they are local and more importantly have an excellent reputation. Our team is always looking for environmentally sound investments and we are thrilled to work with Cape Fear Solar Systems to add solar solutions."

Farm Fresh Produce is excited to begin utilizing the sun to power their distribution center just as they rely on the sun to grow their crops, firmly solidifying their spot as not only a top food distributor across the globe, but as a sustainability powerhouse in the industry.

Read the full press release [here](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about Cape Fear Solar Systems and [here](#) to learn more about Farm Fresh Produce.

NCSEA Joins 1% for the Planet Giving Network



NCSEA is proud to now be a partner in the [1% for the Planet giving network](#). Started in 2002 by Yvon Chouinard (founder of Patagonia) and Craig Matthews (founder of Blue Ribbon Flies), the network connects a select group of non-profits with businesses who commit to giving 1% of their revenues to organizations who are helping save the planet.

Tips and Facts from an Expert:

4 Tips to Improve Electric Vehicle Battery Range this Winter

In the winter, the liquid electrolyte in electric vehicle (EV) batteries thickens and causes the range of your EV to decrease as the temperatures drop. Don't worry! You can get the most out of your EV battery this winter by following these four tips:

1. Keep your vehicle plugged into the charger while you warm the inside of the car/battery. When you do this, you're using energy from your grid to warm your vehicle, not the battery.
2. Rather than heating the entire cabin of your vehicle, use the heated accessories. A heated seat or steering wheel uses less energy than heating the entire car, making your battery charge last longer.
3. Be an eco-driver! Eco-driving is a great way to improve your battery range year round, not just in the winter.
4. Brush off snow and ice before beginning to drive. The extra weight from snow and ice requires additional energy that your battery must accommodate.



For more information about improving your battery range during the winter months, read more [here](#). (Courtesy, DOE Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy)

Your Gift to NCSEA Means More Than Ever This Season

2017 showed us that when we work together, anything is possible. It also showed us that our mission to bring affordable, reliable clean energy to all North Carolinians

Give Today

matters more than ever. That's why we are working to raise more than ever, toward our goal of \$12,000 this holiday season. We aren't yet half-way to our goal... can you [help us](#) get there?



Thank you for your gift of any amount to our More Than Ever campaign! Every dollar raised will go towards supporting NC's clean energy future through policy, education and engagement in 2018 and beyond.

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